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In re application of:

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Appl. No. 09/306,986

Filed: May 7, 1999

For: **A Method for Synthesizing a Nucleic Acid Molecule Using a Ribonuclease**

Confirmation No. 4261

Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: Hutson, R.

Atty. Docket: 0942.4570001/RWE/B-C

Reply to Office Communication: Submission of Formal Drawings

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Further to the Office Communication dated August 20, 2002, submitted herewith are two (2) sheets of formal drawings with Figures 1 and 2, corresponding to the informal drawings submitted with the above-captioned application. Identification of the drawings is provided in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(c). Acknowledgment of the receipt, approval, and entry of these formal drawings into this application is respectfully requested.

It is not believed that an extension of time is required, other than any already provided herewith. However, if an extension of time is needed to prevent abandonment of the application, then such extension of time is hereby petitioned. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent claim
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147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for *ex parte* reexamination	
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115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	110.00
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119	320	219	160	Notice of Appeal	
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	221	140	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,280	241	640	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,280	242	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	460	243	230	Design issue fee	
144	620	244	310	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
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126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	481	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	740	246	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17);
2. Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R § 1.136(a)(1);
3. Reply to Office Communication: Submission of Formal Drawings;
4. Two (2) sheets of drawings (Figs. 1 and 2);
5. Our check no. **37075** for the amount of $110.00 to cover a one (1) month extension of time; and
6. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are

necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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